

**Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, June 7, 1844,
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Hermitage, June 7, 1844.

Private

. Taking every thing into view, after the withdrawal of our friend Mr. V.Buren, for which, I sincerely regret , there was any cause, The nominees are the strongest the Democracy could have selected. Cass and Johnson would have run very well, but Polk in the south and west has a much stronger popularity than either of them. I think the Texan question has destroyed Clay in the south and west. Many influential whigs have already openly withdrawn from him. Will not Mr. Tyler now come forth and withdraw himself from his nomination. If he should not, he prostrates himself forever. can he get any one to become a vice President with him of any standing

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I once wrote you after Mr. V.Burens letter appeared, that you would have an arduous and uphill business to sustain him. You have been assailed by all the Tyler and Calhoun papers, but I hope you will come out unscathed, and that now all papers that profess to be democratic will unite in supporting the nominees of the convention